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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES-BOAT CASE- HOSEI MARU

1. SINGAPORE STRAITS TIMES OF FEBRUARY 2 CARRIED ARTICLE HEADLINED "SHIP BRINGS IN 99 VIET REFUGEES". ARTICLE REPORTS THAT THE JAPANESE SHIP "HOSEI MARU" HAD PICKED UP THE SUBJECT LAST WEEK FROM A SINKING BOAT IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. THERE ARE 26 MEN, 29 WOMEN AND 44 CHILDR EN IN THIS GROUP.

2. THE MASTER OF THE 1,514 TON VESSEL HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY SINGAPORE IMMIGRATION TO SIGN A BOND FOR S\$1 MILLION (APPROX. US\$4000,000). AN IMMIGRATION SPOKESMAN SAID THE REFUGEES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO STAY ON BOARD UNTIL ACCEPTED BY TC.

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- 3. AT TIME OF THE ARTICLE, THE SHIP WAS AT THE EASTERN QUARANTINE ANCHORAGE, BUT IS EXPECTED ALONGSIDE THE WHARVES AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 3, TO DISCHARGE CARGO.
- 4. CONOFF TELCON WITH LOCAL UNHCR REP. CONFIRMED SHIP WILL UNLOAD TODAY. REP STATES JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL SEND LETTER OF GUARANTEE TO GOS, TO ENABLE GROUP TO COME ASHORE. JAPAN,

REPORTEDLY, WILL SEEK TC'S FOR SOME OF THE REFUGEES, BUT WILL TAKE THOSE NOT ACCEPTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. UNHCR HAS PROMISED TO FURNISH EMBASSY WITH PRELIMINARY BIODATA FOR REFUGEES WHO ARE FORMER USG EMPLOYEES AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RELATIVES IN THE U.S. HOLDRIDGE

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